

## Among Other Things

King Alfonso has a new relic of "what almost killed me." A few moments after his motor-car passed the Maria Cristina Bridge at San Sebastian a section of overhead tram-car cable broke loose and fell to the ground. His collection previous to this near-accident contained the test of a feeding bottle, used in an attempt to poison him as a baby, a heavy vase which fell on him when he was five, a skeleton of one of the horses killed by bombs on his wedding day and a part of the landau in which he was seated with President Loubet when his life was threatened in the Rue de Rivoli, Paris.

Tolstoy's opinion of the kaiser is enjoyable reading these days. He called him a "narrow-minded, ill-educated vain man, with the ideals of a German Junker. When he says the army is to take no prisoners in China, but to slaughter everybody he is not put in a lunatic asylum, but people shout 'Hoch!' and set sail for China to execute his commands."

Herr Landsberg, the socialist, has discovered what neutral nations have known for years. He started a scene in the Reichstag by declaring that the junkers and the war profiteers seek to prolong the war for personal gains. The war profiteers back the kaiser, the kaiser backs the war profiteers and the blame for the whole thing is shifted to God Almighty.

The new postal rate will require the use of the purple stamp, the present 3-cent stamp, and already nearly one billion have been printed for immediate use. Purple, however, is an expensive color and it is probable that the Postoffice Department will change the color. Suggestions have been made that for the issuance of 3-cent stamps bearing a new design to symbolize America's participation in the war.

Fritz is not a good sportsman. Lieut. R. W. Simmie, M. C., of the Third Battalion of Toronto, says he is not and that young officer knows Fritz intimately, so intimately that he still carries the scars, such as six shell fragments in his liver and stomach, a wound in foot and leg and a mangled hand. According to him, Canadians have lost trenches, leaving wounded men in them. When they retook them later they found their wounded dead, stabbed through and through with bayonets. Soldiers call that murder. Another habit of Fritz is to hide behind shelters and shoot up an attacking party until that party is within range for hand-to-hand fighting. Then he throws down his gun and raises his hands with a cry of "Kamerad! Kamerad!" He does all the damage he can, refuses to fight and then cries for mercy.

The kaiser acting as his own chaplain while on a northern voyage surveying Denmark with hungry eyes said, very modestly, "Our ship today forms His pulpit, and in His name does the captain (the kaiser) in his capacity of actual head of the establish, yes, as king of the ship, hold this service on board." The kaiser still binds armor plate, God, and himself in a triple alliance.

"It doesn't go well," says a Canadian returned from the trenches, "to see Fritz blow off the top of your pal's head and then refuse to fight by trying to call you 'kamerad.' You can't get a fight out of Fritz, man to man, when numbers are nearly even. It is an absolute fact that he can't stand bayonet work."

Trench warfare is a serious matter but human nature demands humor and now we have trench-humor. One soldier was eating a piece of bread with a little jam on it when an attack made him drop his "bit" and handle his gun. Returning to his bread he found that hens had made a flank attack and captured his rations. "A wretched war," he said as he looked for the remains. "When I get back to good old N. Z.," says a trencher, "I'm going to pay a kid two bob a week to play reveille under my window. I'll just lie still for the first time, and when he starts to play it again I'll raise the window and say: Go to blank, you blank-blankety-blank!"

"When I get to Blighty," says a soldier at the front, "I'm going to 'ave a good ole bender ter begin with 'Miss.' I'll say, 'Miss, bring me some horse duvers, thick soup, fish, chicken, roasts beef and vedges, steak an' onions, peach melba, an' a large, big bottle of the best. Then I'll smoke a half-crown seegar, and exclaim: 'Where the 'ell's the band?'"

Don't go into debt, says Frank Crane. "If I could get into one post upon the earth all the heart-burning and anguish debt has caused, it would surely burn a hole straight through to China. If all the tears shed on account of debt should flow together, there would be a cataract more roaring than Niagara. And if all the sighs and groans, and oaths caused by debt were to unite in one gust, there would be a hurricane more devastating than anything ever in Cuba, and tornado more terrible than Kansas or Oklahoma could furnish." Judging from that, debt is a good thing if you stay out of it.

A British officer is quoted as saying that he had never seen a single man in the trenches who questioned immortality. Face to face with death, no man can convince himself that death is the end. Even Huxley, who in his strong manhood, when his pulses were leaping, could weigh

calmly the thought of extinction, found the Great Hope forcing itself into his soul as he drew nearer the end.

## SPORT

Dr. W. E. Meanwell, director of athletics, announced this morning that the department had secured special round-trip rates on the Wabash between Columbia and St. Louis for those who are going to the Washington-Missouri game next Saturday.

There will be a \$4.50 rate which goes into effect at 1:45 o'clock Friday afternoon and is good returning from St. Louis as late as 11:30 o'clock Sunday night. A \$3.00 rate has been made for those who care to leave Columbia Saturday on a special train at 7 o'clock returning the same day, leaving St. Louis at 11:30 o'clock at night. The cheer-leaders will go and it is very probable that the University Cadet Band will accompany the team. This will be the annual freshman team trip and about twenty of the freshman players will be taken. The athletic department will also give them tickets to the game.

A lineup new to the closest followers of Tiger athletics this year will face the Washington Pikers on Francis Field in St. Louis Saturday afternoon. Rider and Collins being the only two men on the team as announced who were on the team that went up against Washington last year. The team as announced weighs in at 157 pound, by far the lightest team in the Valley with the possible exception of Drake, and is eight pounds lighter than last year. It is five pounds under the regular Missouri team which will in all probability meet the Kansas Jayhawkers.

Schulte's tentative lineup as announced today follows: Mattingly, lc; Chittenden, lt; Ewing, lg; Bahr, center; Kirkpatrick, rg; Urie, rt; Marshall, re; Stevens, q; Collins, lbh; Edwards, rhh; Rider f.

By Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 15.—With the gridiron race in the Missouri Valley Conference entering the last laps two elevens—Kansas and Nebraska—stand out prominently as the possible holders of the conference title at the season's close on Thanksgiving Day. Nebraska, with only two games within the circuit, has slightly the advantage over the Lawrence eleven. Kansas, however, has passed the danger line with a victory over the Kansas Aggies the strongest early season contender, and the Ames Aggies just at the time the Iowans were showing a real flash of form.

In all probability the meeting between the Cornhuskers and the Jayhawkers at Lawrence next Saturday will be the conference championship contest. The Nebraska team, will have the advantage of experience gained from struggles with Michigan and Notre Dame, two widely differing elevens and among the strongest in the country. Because Kansas has played only teams within the conference there is no basis for a comparison of the strength of the two elevens upon the scores against the same opponents.

Followers of the Valley conference, after viewing as "luck" the Kansas 7 to 0 victory over Ames by means of a

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long forward pass, were forced to give the strength of the Lawrence eleven more consideration after their victory over the Kansas Aggies by a similar tally. Kansas again showed its ability to fight its way into the lead in its 13 to 6 win from Oklahoma on November 3. All scoring in this game was confined to the second period, the Lawrence aggregation seemingly being content to win without wasting energy on superfluous scores.

The real hard luck tale of the Valley is that of the Missouri eleven. Starting the season with a veteran backfield, which was last year one of the fastest in the conference, the Columbia representatives have met with defeat after defeat just when a victory seemed most imminent. Beginning with a 6 to 7 loss to the Kansas Aggies, the Tigers have broken before the rushes of Ames, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

The Missouri eleven has had a hospital list unequalled by any team in the Valley. The veteran backfield was crippled in the Ames game and after the Oklahoma game, Bass, a tackle and Schroeder, an end, were both out for the remainder of the season with injured shoulders. The Tigers are pointing towards Thanksgiving with the hope of being strong enough to defeat Kansas. Greenwood, center of the team, has been called to an aviation camp, leaving that position weak.

## National Livestock Market.

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